Dear *Brownfields* Stakeholder:

The Indiana Brownfields Advisory Team (IBAT) is working to increase the level of awareness and involvement of Indiana communities in *brownfields redevelopment*.

Indiana defines a brownfields site as an industrial or commercial property that is abandoned, inactive, or underutilized, on which expansion or redevelopment is complicated due to the actual or perceived environmental contamination.

Brownfield projects compete with other community development priorities for public funding, and because of expensive remediation activities and other deterrents, such as liability concerns, redevelopment is often determined to be unfeasible. While brownfields redevelopment does present environmental challenges, it can also be an important community development opportunity for a locality.

IBAT is planning to host four (4) regional "roundtable" sessions during the month of June 2000, to increase outreach and communications regarding redevelopment of brownfields. Localities interested in redeveloping brownfields in their communities are invited to attend one of the following sessions, at no charge. Local time zones will be observed.

New Albany, IN	June 6	9 a.m 12:30 p.m.
Evansville, IN	June 7	9 a.m 12:30 p.m.
Crown Point, IN	June 20	9 a.m 12:30 p.m.
Fort Wayne, IN	June 21	9 a.m 12:30 p.m.

To help us ensure these sessions meet your needs and expectations, please complete the enclosed *Brownfields Community Survey* and return it to the address shown at the end of the survey document.

Questions concerning this letter may be directed to Eleanor Granger, HUD Community Builder at (317) 226-5293, Tracy Concannon, Interagency Brownfields Task Force Coordinator at (317) 233-2801, or Kyle Hendrix, IBAT Coordinator at (317) 232-8867.

Sincerely,

Enclosure Kyle Hendrix
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